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1. The following were present:

	Mr. Lydman	State
	Mr. Fletcher	State
	Dr. Debevoise	Army
	Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
	Capt. Maher	Navy
	Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
25X1A9a	Lt. Col. Wade [redacted]	Air Force
		CIA (Acting Chairman)

2. It was the consensus that no introductory sections of NIS chapters other than that of Chapter VIII need the subsection, COMMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES.

3. The Acting Chairman read to the Committee a copy of the reply of the Assistant Director, ORE, to the Assistant Director, OSI, regarding the proposal of the latter as to coordination of NIS effort on meteorology and oceanography. See Paragraph 3, minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 55, 24 January 1950. Further action by the Committee, if any be required, on this matter will be held in abeyance until the Committee is notified of the results of working-level conferences.

4. It was the consensus that Supplement IV (Urban Areas) should not be discontinued.

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5. It was pointed out that the only element of Chapter VIII (Armed Forces) that [redacted] 67 (Greenland), and 68 (Iceland), and possibly certain other NIS will contain will be Subsection 83J (Air Facilities). Since it would be awkward to publish only a subsection of a chapter, it was suggested that material on air facilities for such NIS be published as Supplements II (Air Facilities), this despite the fact that Supplements II in general have been discontinued. This suggestion was accepted.

6. It was pointed out that corrections and additions to published NIS which have been issued to field agencies of the Department of State, to military, naval, and air attachés, and to other field agencies may not always, in the past, have been made available to those personnel within the Intelligence Agencies who are actually charged with maintaining NIS. All such corrections and additions are important and some particularly valuable to the maintenance program; e.g., AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT NO. IR-186-49, 5 November 1949, prepared by the Assistant Air Attaché in

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in Belgrade, and containing excellent constructive criticism of Section 45 (Health and Sanitation), NIS 21 (Yugoslavia). It was therefore recommended that members take positive steps within their agencies to assure that all such field corrections and additions to NIS in fact reach appropriate NIS maintenance personnel.

7. Members were requested to impress working-level personnel to use NIS Preliminary Gazetteers in connection with the preparation of NIS contributions, whenever these gazetteers are available. While each contribution is finally name-edited by BGN, excessive misspelling of place names in contributions results in undue protraction of the editing period.

8. A study prepared by the Armed Forces Staff College on the Arctic and Sub-arctic areas of the world is now available in D/NIS. See Paragraph 3, minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 41, 27 September 1949. Physically, the study consists of one copy each of 34 Items. The most dependable method of determining whether the study should be reproduced by CIA would be to have it reviewed at the working level by agencies producing NIS. This, however, would impose an undue burden on the working-level personnel involved and would interfere with the production of NIS. It was the tentative consensus that the following action should be taken with regard to the study:

a. It should be held centrally in D/NIS.

b. D/NIS should issue an accession list setting forth the subtitles of the various Items and the NIS elements to which these Items might be of value as sources.

c. The Items should be available in D/NIS to producing agency analysts engaged in preparing NIS contributions on appropriate areas.

d. Judgment as to whether the study should be reproduced should be held in abeyance pending determination of its overall usefulness.

The study is divided into parts, each generally in NIS Chapter I (Brief) format, dealing with the following areas:

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Aleutians
Greenland
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Iceland
Jan Mayen
Spitzbergen
Norway
Sweden
Finland
USSR (east and west of Urals)
Appendices on navigation, piloting, seamanship transport, and communications
Bibliography - including maps and charts

It was recommended that, pending the issuance of an accession list, analysts engaged in preparing contributions on NIS Areas analogous to the areas listed above call at D/NIS and examine appropriate material.

9. It was pointed out that the Chapter II (Military Geography) Revisory Subcommittee had stated that an example of tabular treatment of geographic regions and subregions would, if considered advisable, be provided for the outline guide for Section 21 (Military Geographic Regions) and that D/NIS had stated that it believes inclusion of such an example is advisable. It was therefore requested that the chapter coordinator for Chapter II (Army) cause the instructions for the example to be forwarded to D/NIS.

10. D/NIS comments on the proposed outline guide for the special NIS on Marine Climate and Oceanography were read to the Committee. These comments will be typed and sent to the chapter coordinator (Army) for appropriate distribution.

11. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 14 February 1950, at CIA.

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